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Senator Bruce Patterson target shooting at Island Lake in Brighton. Pictured from left to right are: John Cronin, Brownstown Township Trustee; Jim Beaubien; Dick Kuhn, Gibraltar Mayor; Senator Bruce Patterson; Bob Saunders, Gibraltar City Council; Bob Ranka, Ducks Unlimited.

Important DNR

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In order to keep you and your family up to date with the actions of the Michigan Legislature, please fill out and return this form to receive your free e-mail update. My office also maintains a collection of useful publications that may be of interest to you. Requests for quantities of five or less will be mailed to you, just fill out the following form:

- ☐ State of Michigan Map ☐ Planning for Your Peace of Mind ☐ Services for Seniors
☐ Consumer Protection Resource Guide ☐ A Citizens Guide to State Government
☐ Changes and Choices: Legal Rights of Senior Adults ☐ Veterans Benefits & Services

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Hunting Update

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Dear Friend:

As fall approaches, it is time to begin planning for the time honored Michigan tradition of hunting. With many different hunting options – deer, turkey, elk, bear, waterfowl — there is sure to be something for every outdoor enthusiast.

As your state Senator, I thought I would share some helpful hints that will make your hunting experiences more enjoyable. Even if you don't hunt and just like to enjoy nature in the fall, these tips will help keep you and your families safe and informed. Enclosed you will find information on hunting seasons, license requirements, dove hunting update, safety tips and much more.

I trust you will find this update useful. As usual, I encourage and welcome your suggestions and comments on ways I can help preserve Michigan's natural beauty and hunting heritage. I look forward to hearing from you and wish everyone a safe hunting season.

Sincerely,

Bruce Patterson
State Senator
7th District

Welcome to E-License

The Michigan DNR E-License system is designed to allow residents to purchase hunting and fishing licenses, special hunt applications and permits 24 hours a day, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates.

You will also be able to print most small game and fishing licenses using your own printer. Kill

tags also are available for sale on

E-License. Expect them to arrive within 7 business days of your purchase.



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Senator Patterson enjoying Michigan's great outdoors.

Hunting License Requirements

To buy a hunting license, a hunter must have a valid Michigan driver license, a valid Michigan ID card and additional proof of residency, or a Michigan DNR Sportscard (issued through a license dealer). In addition, all hunters born on or after January 1, 1960 must also present their Hunter Safety Certificate, previous hunting license or sign their license in the presence of the license dealer. The DNR also reminds hunters that:

- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature certifies that you meet required residency and hunter safety requirements.
- Licenses and the identification used to purchase that license must be carried at all times when hunting or trapping.
- It is illegal to use another person's hunting license.

For more detailed information on how to obtain a hunting or harvesting license in Michigan, visit the DNR's website at www.michigan.gov/dnr or talk to a license vendor.

2004-2005 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide

The 2004-2005 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide provides comprehensive information and regulations on hunting seasons, wildlife, trapping and harvesting, wildlife diseases, hunting with disabilities, places to hunt and much more. The guide can be found on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr. For a hard copy contact your local license agent.

2004 Hunting Guides

Before heading out to hunt, check the DNR website for important information on hunting dates, regulations, applications, updates and reminders. Visit the DNR online at www.michigan.gov/dnr to view the following 2004 specialty hunting guides:

Fall Turkey Hunting Guide
Bear Hunting Guide
Elk Hunting Guide
Antlerless Deer Hunting Guide



CCW Update

Hunters with a CCW license can now carry their concealed pistols while hunting on state land under legislation signed into law earlier this year. Previously, DNR regulations did not allow CCW holders to carry their firearm while hunting. While the new law permits hand guns on state land, it does not allow hunters to use their pistol for the purpose of hunting. For more information on the legislation, Senate Bill 221 of 2004, contact my office toll-free at 1-866-262-7307 or visit www.michigan.gov/legislature.org.

Spotting and Reporting Bovine TB

Bovine tuberculosis remains a threat to Michigan's white-tailed deer population despite aggressive eradication measures, thus requiring continued surveillance. Hunters are asked to closely examine their kill for Bovine TB using the following guidelines:

- Pea-sized tan or yellow lumps lining the lung tissue.
- Pea-sized tan or yellow lumps on the inside of the ribcage.
- Lesions typical of the disease.

If you observe any of these symptoms, contact the DNR to have the carcass, viscera and head examined. Hunters taking deer in the designated surveillance counties should turn in the deer's head for free testing.

Counties under surveillance include: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford.



Emerging Diseases

For further information on emerging diseases that may be transmitted between humans and animals, visit

www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases

Difference Between Baiting and Feeding

"**Baiting**" is defined as putting out food materials for deer to attract, lure, or entice them as an aid in hunting. A person baiting deer must comply with the baiting regulations.

"**Feeding**" is defined as individuals placing food materials out that attract deer or elk for any reason other than baiting. Feeding for recreational viewing purposes must follow regulations for recreational viewing. Supplemental feeding of deer is prohibited with the exception of eight Upper Peninsula counties.

Food plots, naturally occurring foods, standing agricultural crops, or food that is in place as part of normal farming practices are not considered baiting or feeding.

For further regulations and specifications visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.

BOW

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) is sponsored by the DNR and is designed to provide outdoors educational opportunities for women. Workshops teach women the necessary skills to fully enjoy the outdoor environment while building self confidence. The workshops are either a day or weekend long and provide opportunities in three general program areas: shooting and hunting, fishing, and eco-sports, such as kayaking, camping or orienteering. For more information, or to sign up for a workshop call the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman coordinator at (517) 241-2225 or send an e-mail to marlal@michigan.gov.

Did You Know?

Hunter Safety, Marine, ORV, and Snowmobile Classes are available. Search for them online at <http://www.michigandnr.com/hunting/recrensrch.asp>

Sign up for a Michigan State Park campground or harbor reservation online at <http://www.midnrreservations.com/campgrounds/index.cfm>

The DNR keeps up-to-date information on wildlife rehabilitators. To find one near you visit <http://www.michigandnr.com/dlr/>